ment Council which met on February 6, 1986 took the following decisions:—

1. Frest-based industries should not only be encouraged to afforest wastelands with a view to secure raw material but also make a commitment to undertake fuelwood and fodder plantations for the use of local communities on a part of the land leased to them.

2. Industries must also enter into agreements with small farmers for the supply of their raw material needs on a viable basis.

3. Such plantations must be raised on wastelands distant from habitations, so as not to disturb existing community use.

(b) The decisions of the Council have been communicated to the State/Union Territories Governments, since leasing of such land is a matter for State action.

Request of Thailand for extradition of Charles Sobhraj

233. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Thailand had requested for extradition of Charles Sobhraj who is wanted there in connection with charges for committing heinous crimes; if so, when ;

(b) whether his extradition was ordered by the Delhi Chief Metropolitan Magistrate and was also cleared by the High Court, as reported in the Indian Express of 17th March, 1986; if so, when ; and

(c) what are the reasons for non-compliance of the Court's orders and the request of the Thailand Government ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K.R. NARAYANAN) : (a) Yes, Sir. The Government of Thailand made a request for extradition of Charles Sobhraj on 25-10-1976. They reiterated their request on 24-4-80.

(b) Pursuant to the order issued by the Central Government under section 5 of the Extradition Act, 1962, the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate, Delhi, held an enquiry into the offences alleged to have been committed by Charles Sobhraj in Thailand. The Cheif Metropolitan Magistrate submitted a report on the results of his enquiry to the Central Government on 30·9·85. He found a *prima-facie* case in support of the requisition of Thailand for the extradition of Charles Sobhraj in two cases and committed him to prison to await the orders of the Central Government on the question of his extradition to Thailand. Charles Sobhraj appealed to the Delhi High Court against the report of the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate. He also obtained a stay order against his extradition to Thailand form Delhi High Court. The High Court, however, after the hearings, dismissed his appeal on 12.12.85.

(c) The Chief Metropolitan Magistrate did not issue any order for the extradition of Charles Sobhraj to Thailand. He only submitted a report on the results of his enquiry to the Central Government wherein he opined that a *prima-facie* case existed in support of Thai Government's request for the extradition of Charles Sobhraj for its consideration. The question of non-compliance of the Court's orders and the request of the Thailand Government, therefore, would not arise. The Central Government came to know that cases against Sobhraj are pending in India. Section 31(d) of the Extradition Act provided that a fugitive criminal shall not be surrendered to a foreign State if he has been accused of any offence not being an offence for which his surrender or return is sought, until after he has been discharged whether

by acquittal or on expiration of his sentence or otherwise. In view of this mandatory provision and the legal intricacires involved the extradition has not been effected.

Functioning of Terres Des Homes Organisation of Germany in India

234. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the European Organisation Terres Des Homes is working in India in various fields of social action ;

(b) if so, the fields in which it is working and the programmes funded by it ;

(c) the funds brought by it into India in the last five years and the background of its chief functionary in India ;

(d) whether the organisation has followed Indian laws regarding funding and its other activities ;

(e) if so, the details thereof ; and

(f) if answer to part (d) above be in negative, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERNAL SECURITY (SHRI ARUN NEHRU) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The organisation is involved in Welfare activities in rural areas and tribal belts for the upliftment of children and women. It also acts as funding agency to various voluntary institutions in several States supporting their programmes for the upliftment of children, women, blind, etc.

(c) A statement showing the funds received by this organisation during the last five years, 1981 to 1985 is annexed.

(d) to (f) The organisation has been registered under section 6(1) of Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 1976. The security of intimations/ audited accounts of Foreign Contribution received by this organisation for the period 1982—84 has not so far revealed any violation of the provisions of the Foreign Contributions (Regulation) Act, 1976.

Statement

S.No.	Name of Association	Amount Received in (Rupees)				
		1981	1982	1983	1984	1985
1.	Terres Des Homes Germany India Programme, 19, Sahney Sujan Park, Kondwa Road, Poona-411001	65,19,272·56	59,06,733·81	55,98,270·40	53,44,594·00	64,75,999·39

Indigenous Technology

235. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have undertaken any study in the Industrial field to ascertain if there is a slow pace in developing indigenous technology for various industries during the past three years ;

(b) whether Government propose to encourage private sector for the development of technology through their own research and development skills ; and